

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2213. A bill to allow all States to participate in activities under the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Act (Rept. No. 105-327).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1718. A bill to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property (Rept. No. 105-328).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1719. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co (Rept. No. 105-329).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2106. A bill to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-330).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 3830. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah (Rept. No. 105-331).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2364. A bill to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 105-332).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2463. An original bill to provide authorities with respect to the transfer of excess defense articles and the transfer of naval vessels under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-333).

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2463. An original bill to provide authorities with respect to the transfer of excess defense articles and the transfer of naval vessels under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 2464. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to certain maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2465. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2466. A bill to authorize the minting and issuance of a commemorative coin in honor of the founding of Biloxi, Mississippi; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2467. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the years for carryback of net operating losses for certain farm losses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK):

S. 2468. A bill to designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2465. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## STAR-SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY ACT OF 1998

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to help commemorate and preserve significant sites associated with America's Second War of Independence, the War of 1812. My legislation, entitled "The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1998," directs the Secretary of the Interior to initiate a study to assess the feasibility and desirability of designating the route of the British invasion of Washington, D.C. and their subsequent defeat at Baltimore, Maryland, as a National Historic Trail.

Since the passage of the National Trail Systems Act of 1968, the National Park Service has recognized historically significant routes of exploration, migration and military action through its National Historic Trails Program. Routes such as the Juan Bautista de Anza, Lewis and Clark, Pony Express and Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trails cross our country and represent important episodes of our nation's history, episodes which were influential in shaping the very future of this country. It is my view that the inclusion of the Star-Spangled Banner Trail will give long overdue recognition to another of these important events.

The War of 1812, and the Chesapeake Campaign in particular, mark a turning point in the development of the

United States. Faced with the possibility of losing the independence for which they struggled so valiantly, the citizens of this country were forced to assert themselves on an international level.

From the period of the arrival of the British forces at Benedict, in Charles County, Maryland, on August 18, 1814, to the American victory at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, on September 14, 1814, the war took a dramatic turn. The American forces, largely comprised of Maryland's citizens, were able to slow the British advance through the state and successfully defended Baltimore, leading to the retreat of the British.

The sites along this trail mark some of the most historically important events of the War of 1812. It begins with the only combined naval and land attack on the United States, originating at Benedict, Maryland and continuing on to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. It follows the defeat of the Americans at the Battle of Bladensburg, the evacuation of the United States Government, the burning of the nation's capital, including the White House and the Capitol Building, the battle at North Point and the bombardment of Fort McHenry, site of the composition of our National Anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner, and the ultimate defeat of the British.

The route will also serve to bring awareness to several lesser known, but equally important sites of the war, including St. Leonard's Creek in Calvert County, where two American vessels scuttled by the British have recently been found, Brookeville, Maryland, which served as the nation's capital for one day, and Todd's Inheritance, the signal station for the American defenders at Fort McHenry. These sites, and many like them, will only enrich the story told along the trail. Additionally, the attention given to these sites should prove beneficial in terms of efforts to preserve and restore them.

Mr. President, the designation of the route of the British invasion of Washington and American defense of Baltimore as a National Historic Trail will serve as a reminder of the importance of the concept of liberty to all who experience the Star-Spangled Banner Trail. It will also give long overdue recognition to those patriots whose determination to stand firm against enemy invasion and bombardment preserved this liberty for future generations of Americans.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2467. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the years for carryback of net operating losses for certain farm losses; to the Committee on Finance.

## TAX LEGISLATION

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation for myself and Senator JOHNSON providing farmers with the opinion of receiving a refund from taxes paid in the past 10